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Days of Remembrance 2006: "Legacies of Justice"

Guest commentary by
Master Sgt. Kirby Olson

Installation Military Equal Opportunity Office

For this year's Days of Remembrance, Fort Huachuca Soldiers and civilians have an opportunity to see "Legacies of Justice" in the flesh on May 4.

Dr. Gail Wallen, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern Arizona, Inc., Director of the Holocaust Survivors Program of Tucson, will provide the historical background of the Holocaust. The following survivors will share their stories during a time of hatred and war: Dr. Klara Swimmer, Annique Dveirin, Lilly Brull, Irving Senor, Selma Neuhauser, Walter Feiger, Gerd Strauss, Rosa Freund, Alix G. Kowler, and Wanda Wolosky.

The theme, "Legacies of Justice," may appear confusing in how it directly ties to the Holocaust. The definition of the word, 'legacy,' reads: "... anything handed down from the past." The definition of Justice reads: decisions regarding the treatment of people or the disposition of cases as in court. The justice to be served for holocaust survivors and those less fortunate were the Nuremburg Trials. Eleven million people including the handicapped, Gypsies, Jehovah Witnesses, Catholics,

Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and ethnic minorities were killed by Nazis during the war. Of that 11 million, six million were Jewish.

No trial provides a better basis for understanding the nature and causes of evil than do the Nuremberg trials. The Nuremberg trials took place in Nuremberg, Germany from 1945 to 1949. Twelve trials, involving more than 100 defendants and several different courts took place. The trial began with the reading of the Indictments:

Count One: Conspiracy to Wage Aggressive War

This count helped address the crimes committed before the war began, showing a plan to commit crimes during the war.

Count Two: Waging Aggressive War, or "Crimes Against Peace"

Including "the planning, preparation, initiation, and waging of wars of aggression, which were also wars in violation of international treaties, agreements, and assurances."

Count Three: War Crimes - These were the more "traditional" violations of the law of war including treatment of prisoners of war, slave labor, and use of outlaws weapons.

Count Four: Crimes Against Humanity

This count involved the actions in concentration camps and other death rampages.

All defendants were indicted on at least two counts, and several were indicted on all four. Count Four, "crimes against humanity," the most excessive of these crimes against humanity, was the mass murder of Jews in concentration camps which the Nazis dubbed "The Final Solution." At the Nuremberg trial for an entire day, defendants listened as prosecutors read a detailed list of the crimes they stood accused of committing.

How effective or ineffective this trial was in respect to human life is in the eye of the beholders and for historians to debate for years to come. Justice in the case of our holocaust survivors reaches to the heart and soul of those willing to listen to their horrific stories while prisoners. That is the legacy and justice holocaust survivors seek by telling their story and touching others' lives.

Join the United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on May 4 in the Murr Community Center Ballroom and from 1:15 to 2 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel for a candle-lighting ceremony to honor the living and the departed during the Days of Remembrance Observance.

Scout On The Street

What outdoor safety practices are important in Arizona?



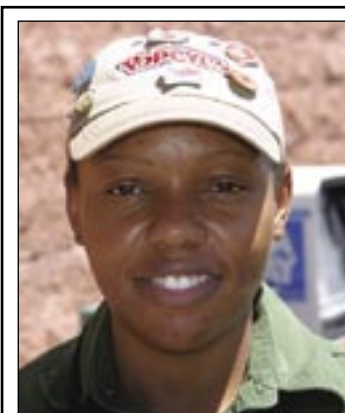
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Company C, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mangan
Company B, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion



Heidi Nemeth
Family Member



Dominic Ray
AAFES employee

"I have a few practices I think that are important. Drink plenty of water and if you go on a hike, be sure to take a battle-buddy with you. If you go by yourself, you become part of the food chain."

"Hydration is very important. Bring a battle buddy when you got out into wildlife and things of that sort."

"I think that protection from the sun is important. With the sun here, and the high altitude, it's important to put on sun block."

"Hydration is important. Everyone should drink plenty of water when outdoors because it's very hot and dry."

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UAS training mission transfers to U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center

Scout Reports

Photos by Michael Collins

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion (provisional) hosted a transfer of authority ceremony from the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion and activation of the UASTB April 19 on Rugge-Hamilton Airfield here.

The UASTB assumes responsibility for training the Army's unmanned aerial systems operators and maintainers. The ceremony marked the transfer of the training mission from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center to the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., the home of Army aviation.

Lt. Col. Ron Meyers assumed command of the UASTB at the ceremony and shared his appreciation and observances that living in Arizona will bring. "I would like to thank all the Soldiers for all their hard work for making this transition as seamless as possible," Meyers said. "I look forward to living here. You can't beat this place."

Unmanned aerial vehicles or UAVs are powered aerial vehicles sustained in flight by aerodynamic lift over most of their flight path and guided without an on-board crew. They may be expendable or recoverable and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely. UAVs are a key element within the concept of information dominance.

The Intelligence Center officially activated the UAV Test Company in October 1991, as a separate company under the

111th Military Intelligence Brigade. The company's mission was to provide joint service training, testing, and doctrinal development for the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-Short Range Program.

The transfer to the U.S. Army Aviation

Warfighting Center, the Military Intelligence community will continue to work, train and serve alongside our Aviation brethren day in and day out."

The U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center trains military, civilian and international personnel in aviation and leadership skills, develops the doctrine, training, leaders, organization, materials and Soldiers for Army aviation's war fighting requirements.

Historically, the greatest use of UAVs has been in the areas of intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance. While UAVs play an increasing role in these mission areas, the operational impact of multiple UAV operations and their importance to 21st century air power needs and future warfighters is just beginning to be understood.

According to Congressional Budget Office, other mission

areas that defense leaders would like to develop for the UAV are the capabilities inherent in combat aspect systems. These encompass strike and electronic airborne attack -- generally, the class and mission areas where successful demonstration of those missions puts aircrews at risk.

"The potential for other mission for our unmanned systems is limitless... homeland defense, disaster relief, combined arms operations, stability and support operations, and contingency op-

erations to name a few," said Brig. Gen. E. J. Sinclair, commanding general of the U.S. Army Army Aviation Warfighting Center. "Our Soldiers will continue to adapt our unmanned systems to accomplish their assigned missions safer and more efficiently than ever before."

As the US military adapts to a new set of realities and new ways of doing business, greater possibilities evolve for the employment of UAVs.

Fort Huachuca is home to the world's largest unmanned aerial systems training center. More than 500 Soldiers are currently undergoing training in Shadow 200 and Hunter UAS operations here.



The colors for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion (provisional) are unfurled at the change of responsibility ceremony held at Rugge-Hamilton Airfield at Fort Huachuca.

Warfighting Center reflects the technical and warfare doctrinal evolution of the UAV has undergone over the years.

"I am confident that beginning today the training partnership of Army Aviation and Military Intelligence will take UAS training to an even higher level, and ultimately provide the combat commanders on the ground with even greater support, and ultimately save lives while pursuing the enemy," said Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"The coordination that has gone into this yearlong transformation by members of both the Military Intelligence and Aviation Branches has been phenomenal. While the training aspects of the UAS are trans-

FHCSC to award record number of scholarships

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The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will award 30 scholarships, a record number, at next month's FHCSC luncheon on May 17.

This year, \$19,950 in scholarship money will be awarded, according to Dawn Miller, FHCSC president.

"Our major fundraisers were the Crafts Bazaar in October and

the Holiday Tour of Homes," Miller stated.

Last year, the club awarded 16 scholarships. This year's number is almost double. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, spouses, and those continuing their education.

"Very few organizations give scholarships for continuing education," Miller said. "We are glad to assist."

FHCSC members, guests, and family and friends of the scholarship recipients are invited to attend. Social hour begins at

10:30 and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. Cost is \$10.

For more information or for reservations, call Victoria Glynn, reservations chairperson at 458-2475.

"Scout," journalists earn five awards in regional, DA KLV competitions

Scout Staff

A member of the "Scout" staff won honorable mention in the Department of the Army-level 2005 Keith L. Ware Competition, and the "Scout" and its staff received four awards in the lower-level Southwest Region Installation Management Agency 2005 Keith L. Ware Competition.

Thom Williams, "Scout" editorial assistant won a DA-level 2005 Competition Keith L. Ware honorable mention, Sports category, for his article, "Post Soldier

excels at Ironman World Championship." This entry took first place at the IMA level before submission to DA.

Michael Collins, assistant editor, received third-place KLV competition honors at the Southwest Region in the Feature Article category for his article, "Caving in Southern Arizona."

The KLV competition recognizes print and broadcast journalism excellence of military journalists and civilian employees. Both the DA and IMA competi-

tion judged work published during 2005. First-place awardees in each region advanced to the DA-level competition.

In the prior IMA competition, the "Scout" and its staff earned three additional SWR IMA awards in the 2005 KLV competition.

The "Scout" received second-place in the Tabloid-Format category (Editor's Choice) and third-place

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Photo by Rob Martinez

CG interviewed by Girl Scouts

Members of Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Troop #1224 of the San Pedro Girl Scout Service Unit interviewed Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast at Alvarado Hall on Fort Huachuca April 20. The girls made a list of questions for Fast to answer to gain a better understanding of the military and the news media, and how they operate together.

Rosetta Stone® introduces Tagalog (Filipino) and Farsi II to Army foreign language learning

Rosetta Stone release

In response to generated demand, the U.S. Army recently announced the addition of Tagalog (Filipino) and Farsi II to its catalog of foreign language training courses available to Army personnel via Rosetta Stone®. The additions brings the number of foreign language learning courses available to all active Army, National Guard, Reservists and Department of Army civilian personnel worldwide to 30 via Army e-Learning on the Army Knowledge Online.

The Army has realized tremendous success integrating Rosetta Stone into Army e-Learning. From Rosetta Stone's date of availability, November 7, 2005 through March, more than 34,000 users accessed the courses more than 95,697 times and completed 33,034 units. The top five courses accessed are: Spanish (Lat Am), Arabic, German, French and Italian.

According to the U.S. Census1, Tagalog has grown to become the sixth most frequently spoken language in the United States. The need for advanced instruction in Middle Eastern languages prompted Rosetta Stone to expand its Farsi offering to Level I and II.

"I am currently studying Arabic with the Rosetta Stone program. I must say that I was very leery about even being able to learn the language at all, much less on-line," says 1st Lt. Bryan D. Zeski, Executive Officer, FOB Warhorse, Baqubah, Iraq. "But, curiosity and boredom came together here in Iraq and I gave the Rosetta Stone Program a shot. Just after the first lesson, I felt much more comfortable with the language – both auditory and written. I have told my Soldiers about the program and its ease of use and speed at which you can learn the language. At first they didn't believe me, but when some of them tried

it, they also found it very effective."

Rosetta Stone's immersion training method uses thousands of real-life color images to convey the meaning of each spoken and written phrase in the program. The program's sequenced structure, use of native speakers and instantaneous feedback teach new languages without memorization, translation or tedious grammar drills.

With Tagalog Level 1, the Army expands its programs to include 30 different languages used throughout the world. In addition to Tagalog (Filipino),

Rosetta Stone is offered in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Danish, Dutch, English (U.K.), English (U.S.), Farsi (Persian), French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese and Welsh.

For additional information on how to access Army e-Learning, log onto <http://www.us.army.mil>; My Education; Army e-Learning portal page. Users must have an AKO account to access the system.

Fire danger

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Due to high fuel loads, breezy conditions, hot weather and drought conditions, the current fire condition is now "Very High" on Fort Huachuca, in Cochise County and on the Coronado National Forest.

"Very High" fire danger here means an increase in situation awareness. Hotter weather and continued dry conditions will lead to "Extreme" fire danger

Once Fort Huachuca fire conditions are "Extreme," open burning of any kind will be prohibited. This includes lighting cooking fires in recreational area barbecues designed for that purpose. Portable propane or gas barbecues will be the only outdoor cooking devices allowed. These can be turned off quickly with the flick of a switch.

Once fire danger reaches "Extreme" conditions, smoking will not be permitted in recreational areas, training areas or other wild or overgrown areas. Careless-

ness can have catastrophic consequences. Use car ashtrays and do not discard cigarettes and ashes out of vehicle windows, a practice that can lead to wildland fires in grassy areas.

Loose tow chains can spark and cause grass fires.

Parking off improved roads can be dangerous if catalytic converters or hot mufflers come in contact with grass or other dry vegetation. Off-road users should restrict activities to areas devoid of vegetation. Motorcyclists must have spark arrestors installed on off-road motorcycles. Conditions are deteriorating and predictions are that this will be a more hazardous fire season than 2005. Everyone can make a difference by following fire safety practices.

Fire & Emergency Services and the Directorate of Emergency Services ask everyone to be cautious and exercise safety on and off the installation. To report a fire, call 911. Those with questions or concerns should call the installation fire department at 533-2116 or the Military Police at 533-3000.

2006 AER Campaign Statistics

Unit	No. people assigned	No. people contacted	percentage	Total \$
111TH MI	4221	3683	87%	\$29,963.00
11TH SIG	1434	786	30%	\$19,455.00
NETCOM	130	130	100%	\$4,230.00
ISEC				\$828.00
MEDDAC	360	330	92%	\$641.00
USAIC	323	302	93%	\$1,625.00
GARRISON	105	52	50%	\$669.00
JITC	15	14	99%	\$627.00
DES	118	117	99%	\$114.00
RETIREEES				\$180.00
CSLA	6	6	100%	\$252.00
DPW				\$0
18TH MP'S	91	69	76%	\$1,241
EPG				\$0
IEWTD				\$284.00
DPTMS		6		\$0
DENTAC				\$263.00
			TOTAL:	\$72,945.00

The Army conducts the Army Emergency Relief Fund Raising Campaign annually during the period of March 1 through May 15.

According to AER, their main purpose is to "help the Army take care of its own."

The charity helps the Army family by providing emergency financial assistance to Soldiers — active and retired, and their dependants — during verifiable unforeseen and urgent matters such as the death of a family member, the need for food rent or utilities, national disaster, an illness, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, and emergency repairs for privately owned vehicles.

AER also awards grants to widows and orphans. They offer a scholarship program for eligible dependents, and interest free loans.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st. Class Jason Sepulveda at 538-7625 or visit the AER web site, <http://www.aerhq.org/>.

Army Activates First Interrogation Battalion

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

The first joint interrogation and debriefing battalion in the Army stood up April 12 during a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Army leaders are taking lessons learned from the 2003 Abu Ghraib detainee abuse incidents in Iraq to revamp the intelligence field. Changes include the activation of dedicated interrogation battalions and a new joint training center for the intelligence career field.

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion is the first of four joint interrogation battalions -- two active and

two reserve -- to be activated in the next several years. Its mission is to conduct detainee screening and interrogation missions in support of military operations throughout the world, such as Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"Being the first dedicated interrogation battalion in the Army, the spotlight is on these fine soldiers and their leadership," said Col. Richard Saddler, commander of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and keynote speaker at the ceremony. "Fortunately, they are the finest our nation has to offer, and they will do well in their upcoming missions."

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion compris-

es 147 active duty soldiers, all specializing in interrogation and intelligence.

The concept for the battalions came about, in part, as a result of a 2004 investigation led by Maj. Gen. George Fay into the Abu Ghraib abuse of detainees.

"The Department of the Army, based on the Fay report and other weaknesses in how we conducted intelligence operations, recognized the need for dedicated interrogation battalions," Saddler said.

"Prior to this, the command and control stopped at the company level. The Army needed the command and control a battalion structure can provide," explained Lt. Col. John Strycula, battalion commander,

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Signal warrant officer professional development and recruiting slated

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A warrant officer professional development brief will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday in Fitch Auditorium, Alvarado Hall. Signal Regiment Regimental Chief Warrant Officer Andy Barr will speak to all warrant officers, regardless of military oc-

cupational specialties and selected candidates. This workshop will provide an exchange of military professional development and operational issues between Signal officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers.

Those looking for a career in communications, network management,

information systems management or information assurance are invited to a warrant officer information and recruiting session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on May 4 in the Greely Hall Conference Room A1114 (next to cafeteria). Chief Warrant Officer Andy Barr, Regimental Chief Warrant Officer of

the Signal Regiment will provide a presentation and information exchange.

Signal warrant officers provide the Army an inventory of skilled technicians and leaders with the aptitude, training and experience necessary to plan, install, administer, manage, maintain, operate, integrate and secure the

Army's strategic, operational and tactical communications infrastructure and voice and data information systems, services and resources in support of wartime and peacetime operations.

For program information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Peter Winter at 538-7519.

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who previously served as chief of intelligence operations for U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in Heidelberg, Germany. Also, Soldiers were in smaller elements embedded in units throughout the world instead of consolidated into "highly trained units."

While the Army will retain oversight and provide the manpower in theater, the battalion can plug in other services and agencies as needed, Strycula said.

"We can bring on Air Force, Marines, Navy, whatever the mission calls for," he said.

Strycula said he is looking forward

to the challenge of commanding the first-of-its-kind battalion.

"I'm honored and excited about commanding this battalion," Strycula said. "There's a lot to do, but this battalion will not fail."

"This battalion will succeed because of the competency, motivation and professionalism of the Soldiers you see standing before you," he added. "They are that impressive, and I am honored to serve with them."

Along with the new battalion, plans for a new joint training center at nearby Camp Bullis are in the works.

"This interrogation center of excel-

lence will feature a (major training) event that all interrogation units will rotate through to ensure they are battle ready on all interrogation and warrior tasks before they go to war," Saddler

said.

A timeline hasn't been set, but Army leaders are taking the fast track on the initiative, Saddler said. "They are committed to improving capabilities, and

Enlistment referral bonus program

Soldiers who refer someone with no prior military experience through the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team system may be eligible to receive a referral bonus up to a \$1,000.

The referring Soldier must establish an account via the SMART web site and submit the referral

through <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart>. They may also call the USAREC 800 line (1-800-223-3735, extension 6-0473) to register.

For more information about eligibility and program details call the telephone number listed above or visit the SMART Web page.

Five locations to reset your Government ID pin

Due to the mass common access card re-issuance in progress and the requirement to implement CAC Cryptographic Logon before May 15, customers at the identification section at Whitside Hall are experiencing long waits. In an effort to accommodate users who may have forgotten their CAC PIN numbers, other CAC locations offer PIN re-setting services.

CAC Card service locations

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DOIM Security Office

IEWTD OTC

(Expect to be escorted in IEWTD)

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Focusing on TRICARE's eye and vision benefits

By Mark Jecker

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

No matter how well service members test on the annual eye exam, it's easy to be a little unclear about vision care, and reading every policy governing TRICARE's eye and vision benefits can make a person cross-eyed.

But here's a looking glass into the policies that won't leave anyone red-eyed.

Focus on key facts about TRICARE's eye and vision coverage:

TRICARE Standard, Extra and Prime active duty family members are eligible for one routine eye exam per year.

Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses are not a covered TRICARE benefit, except under very limited circumstances, such as corneal lens removal or treatment of infantile glaucoma.

All Prime enrollees are eligible for the enhanced wellness benefit, which includes an eye examination every

two years and does not require a co-payment. Note: Eye examinations must be performed by a TRICARE network optometrist or ophthalmologist to be covered. No referral is needed when seeking care from a TRICARE network provider.

Eye health of children up to age 6 is evaluated by their health care practitioners as part of the well-child benefit. The provider performs periodic eye and vision screenings for the child. Newborn screening is covered under the mother's maternity benefit.

Children between ages 3 and 6 are covered for two comprehensive eye examinations, which include screening for two common childhood disorders: amblyopia and strabismus (commonly referred to as "lazy eye").

All TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries are covered for medically necessary eye examinations provided in connection with the medical/surgical treatment of a TRICARE-covered illness or injury. All beneficiaries also are covered



for screens for any pathology, including refractive error. Standard or Extra beneficiaries are responsible for the appropriate cost-share and deductible for these services. Those using TRICARE Prime require a referral for medically necessary eye examinations.

Retired service members and their families have no routine eye benefits under TRICARE Standard or Extra.

Diabetic TRICARE beneficiaries of any age are encouraged to have an eye exam every year and are allowed an annual comprehensive eye examination.

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IEW Maintenance, more than just a shop

Story and photos by Rob Martinez

Scout Staff

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Military Intelligence Brigade, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Maintenance Facility, which includes a Motor Maintenance shop resides near Prosser Village. Its primary mission is to support the Intelligence Center. In conjunction with that, they provide all electronic maintenance support for all Army training systems here on post in the Military Intelligence Center, and the computers and peripheral devices required to accomplish the mission.

The organization is broken out through outlying shops located throughout several buildings where training takes place, along with the shops located in the IEW facility.

"We will either perform maintenance here or go out on line where the vehicles are or go in to the other classrooms and actually perform maintenance," said Sgt. Major David Tyler, the facility's noncommissioned officer in charge.

"We also have a team that does computer maintenance including printers and every thing that's tied in to the computers and network, and do network installations. They work with DOIM, [the Directorate of Information Management] the Digital Training Office, and each of the customers through their units."

IEW has established a partnership with FTO to allow the team to help with some of their projects.

"Recently we set up an Internet Café for the students in Reilly Barracks," said Tyler. "We are going to work on some more. We have a few planned down here in Prosser Village."

There is also a Special Repair Section that performs in-depth advanced troubleshooting and repair actions for unique items and work that the other shops can't handle. They get items from not only Fort Huachuca, but Army Depots and units around the world. "We had 14 NBC centrifugal fans sent from Tobyhanna Army Depot here for us to repair them, because we could repair them more efficiently and more cost effectively than the Army Depot could. In

fact, we had an article in PM Magazine because we broke the code on those fans for the Army. It was some of our civilians that did that."

In March, IEW Maintenance and Motor Maintenance placed as runner-up for the U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Army Award for Maintenance Excellence. It was the first time the unit had ever entered the competition. In addition, IEW is one of the two units from TRADOC chosen to compete in the Army-wide competition for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award. This program allows the Army's best units to be recognized at the Department of Defense level. There



IEW Maintenance has 74 Soldiers and 12 civilians working to maintain much of Fort Huachuca's electronics.

are four units competing. Two of them, including IEW, are from TRADOC.

"The AAME really allows us to highlight all the good things that the unit does for maintenance up to our command level, TRADOC, and then the Army. And the award we just got was runner up for TRADOC!"

One good example of cost savings comes from the Maintenance Motor shop.

"We have a machinist in the motor pool who is building clearing barrels so that the brigade can do weapons emergence. Because of IEW's work, there are one thousand more weapons students can use. We are saving several thousand dollars a

clearing barrel, and we've made 50, 75 clearing barrels."

Working toward the award and preparing for the inspections has helped IEW hone their skills, and bring to light areas needing attention.

"The learning that our junior NCOs have had through this process over the last four months has just been phenomenal," said Tyler.

"Almost every one of them will tell you that they know more now how to properly do maintenance than they did back in Octo-

ber when we started this process. And that's a win for us."

Not only does IEW offer maintenance support, they also provide training, the most popular being the Pre-Warrior Leader Course, a four-day course that focuses on hands-on training that prepares soldiers to go the WLC. The training, such as Physical training instruction, BNC, land navigation and map reading, is updated to coincide with what is being taught at the WLC at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"The goal is to make sure they are up to speed on those critical skills that they are going to do performance level testing on when they get to Fort Bliss. And it's stuff we don't normally do day-to-day as part of our jobs, ... and help alleviate some of their stress when

they get down to the WLC. They can say, 'Hey, I did land nav back in Fort Huachuca. I know I can do this.' or 'I did D&C with my peers and marched them around. I did it back there. I know I can do it once I get to class.'

"We've had great success," he said.

The class is open to all Army units



IEW Soldiers participated in a forced march during sergeant's time, in February. The march included warrior task-driven training.

on Fort Huachuca.

Still, IEW's main focus is on maintenance.

"The general rules we got is just about anybody that walks in I'm going to try to take care of them. Our main charter is the Intel Center, so, if Signal brings something over, we aren't going to turn them away, but sometimes they have to reimburse us for the parts.

"We've done a lot of work for Signal or NETCOM in general. Basically, if it is an electrical item or plugs into the wall, we should be the first stop for anybody in their maintenance process. We will help them determine whether we can fix it or if it should go to a contractor or if the item's under warranty, and what the next step is if we can't fix it. Some people are spending their own money or time when we can be helping them with their maintenance needs."

For more information, call the IEW work order desk at 533-6604.



As part of IEW's Pre-Warrior Leader Class training, students learn map reading and land navigation.



Soldiers display equipment for Willcox penpals

By 1st. Lt. Andrea Pratt

11th Signal Brigade

Public Affairs Officer

Soldiers convoyed across state lines and antennae popped up on the horizons as the 11th Signal Brigade started their field training exercise April 17. Despite the sweat and rush of setting up tents and communications equipment, the 504th Signal Battalion took a few hours to send a small team to the Willcox city park on April 18. Their mission was to display common equipment and Soldier tasks for the penpals of deployed Soldiers of the 504th Sig. Bn..

Around January, Mercedes Rivera, sixth-grade teacher at Willcox Middle School, initiated

a penpal program around January for her students. They started writing letters and sending small care packages to deployed Soldiers, and continued doing so almost every two weeks. She intended the program to start as both a Social Studies project and writing development activity, but it has since blossomed into a patriotic and personal endeavor.

Positive relationships formed between the students and Soldiers in the 504th Sig. Bn. thanks to the efforts of Rivera and Lt. Col. Paul English, 504th Signal Battalion commander.

Rivera and English worked to coordinate an agreeable "field trip" that didn't require much budget or parental consent forms:

a short walk across the street for the students, a short drive from the ongoing field exercise to Willcox with equipment not being used during the field exercise).

Soldiers arrived at the city park early to set up a pole truck, wrecker, command vehicle, triband terminal, an OE-254 antenna, a physical fitness test

station, and a 100-meter-pace-count station with compass class.

More than 400 students cycled through the stations in



Photo by Pfc. Charlotte Black

Students learn how to do exercises to Army physical fitness test standards.

small groups that day. Children from kindergarten to high school visited the static displays. Among the students was a prospective military recruit who wanted to talk to a Soldier with a 25B Military Occupational Specialty.

Soldiers allowed the youth to experience a day in the life of a 504th Soldier. They could climb onto the pole truck base and sit in the controller chair. They were allowed to use the remote controller for the wrecker arm. They donned tactical field equipment such as gas masks, kevlar helmets, flak vests, and ruck sacks. They even challenged Soldiers to

a physical fitness test.

"My favorite part of the day was getting to wear that whole Army suit. I really liked getting to see what it was like to be a Soldier," panted fifth-grade student

Devin Chandler, 10.

"Devin had just finished sprinting in the last lap of the Physical Fitness Test station. He was off to sit in the pole truck controller seat before he finished his sentence.

"Racing was my favorite," said sixth-grade Naomi Coronado, 12, "I learned

how much Soldiers have to carry today ... it must be hard carrying all that stuff everywhere."

The Soldiers enjoyed the days activities as much as the students.

"I just love this," said Sgt. Kenneth Washington, 269th Sig-

nal Company cable section sergeant, "I know the kids just love this too. I wish I could crank up the whole arm of this pole truck to show the kids how high it can go, but they're having just as much fun getting to sit in

that seat."

"I wish I did something like this when I was in school," said Spc. Quincy Thompson, 269th Signal Company triband operator maintainer. "The kids are showing a lot of interest, so I'm enjoying this too....one kid actually started asking me the more technical type questions, so that was interesting to see from someone so young."

The Soldiers were served food and beverage under the city park gazebo during the display hours, and they even rotated through the cafeteria to eat lunch with the students. Soldiers were given an "Army Cookie Coupon" to get a free cookie from the cafeteria with their lunch.

At the end of the day, the Soldiers packed up and headed back off to their field exercise leaving students with memories of an event-filled day.



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Soldiers teach students how to do "Ranger Pushups."



Photo by Spc. John Martinez

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Range Closures

Thursday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Friday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AP, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2, T3

Sunday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AL, AP, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AN, AR, AW

Tuesday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW

Wednesday – AA, AB, AC, AD, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY

Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

DPW plans switch from heating to cooling equipment

Projected completion for both post facilities and family housing units is May 12. Those whose facility has not been completed by then should call the operations and maintenance contract work control section at 533-5457 or 533-5459 for assistance. Additionally, problems with coolers that have been turned on should be referred to work control until May 26. After that, problems should be reported to the DPW Service Order Desk at 533-3151 or 533-2003.

CAS hosts character challenge

The Center for Academic Success High School will host their first character challenge at 7 a.m. on May 13 beginning at Chaffee Parade Field on Hunt Street here. The event is designed to promote the six pillars of character and the Army values. There will be a competitive,

six-kilometer run and one-mile, non-competitive walk. The registration fee is \$8 for students 18 and younger and \$16 for adults, and includes t-shirts and certificates of participation. Top place runners will get medals.

Registration takes place prior to starting time, so arrive early.

For more information, contact Jacqui Clay at 249-2443, Margaret Baldez at 227-0951 or Tim Soliz at 249-9687.

To learn about the six pillars of character log on to www.charactercounts.org.

Global INFOSEC Partnership Conference slated

The 15th annual Global Information Security Partnership Conference, hosted by the Federal Business Council, Inc. and supported by the Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Communications Security Logistics Activity takes place May 2 to 4 here.

GIPC is a conference designed for the professional exchange of information security and communications security knowledge between Communications Security custodians, signal officers, COMSEC maintenance officers, accountable officers, Department of the Army staff officers and other information security personnel. It will cover a wide range of communications related topics addressing current and future INFOSEC acquisitions, COMSEC auditing, COMSEC policy and procedures, security, threat, protective technologies, equipment displays and demonstrations. This year's conference theme is "Securing the Transformation."

For full details about the conference, visit the GIPC Web site at www.fbcinc.com/gipc.

For information, call Sydney Torres at 538-752 or send e-mail to sydney.torres@csla.army.mil.

Or, call Karen Gold at 538-7583, e-mail: karen.gold@csla.army.mil.

Unit sponsorship training

Good sponsorship is an important factor in the quality of life of the inbound Soldier and family members.

Let Army Community Service assist your unit in training effective sponsors. Sponsorship training will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday; 2:30 p.m., May 9; and 1:30 p.m., May 18 at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Autism support group meets tonight

The Thunder Mountain Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Foothills Drive and El Camino Real, Sierra Vista. Parents of autistic children are especially invited. The group meets same time, same location on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For information, call Lynette Wilson at 378-5180.

Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations:

Joseph Barnhardt	HQ USAISEC
Lisa Craddock	WCPOC
Lorenza Buller-Duran	WCPOC
Annette Hamilton	MEDDAC
Pamela Hastings	ACA/ITEC-4
Kenyetta Johnson	NETCOM
Vincent Mitchell	MEDDAC
Patricia Paiz	305th MI Bn

Mary Rodriguez CSLA
Ruben Romero ITEC4-W
Roberta Brown-Thurman NETCOM
For additional information regarding the Leave Donor Program or on how to donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Action Center at 533-5273.

Relocation Workshops

Army Community Service is offering a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at the following times and dates: 9:30 a.m., May 5; 6 p.m., May 16. The workshops, which will discuss expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the move, will be held at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Germany orientation

Army Community Service will offer Germany orientation for Soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time at the following times and dates: 6 p.m., Wednesday and 1 p.m., May 16 at the ACS Building 50010.

The classes are free, but registration is required by calling ACS at 533-2330 or 533-6874.

Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. Orientations are scheduled for 9 a.m., May 10 and May 31 at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community. A tour of the post is provided.

Pre-register by calling 533-2330. For information, call Pam Allen at 533-5919.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
8:30 a.m.	Lutheran	Prosser Village
9:00 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Eifler
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant	Main Post

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.		
Mass	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday		
Confession	4 p.m.	Main Post
Saturday		
Mass	5 p.m.	Main Post

Sunday		
Mass	9:15 a.m.	Main Post
Sunday		
Mass	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post, room 24
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Protestant

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women's Ministry Bible study		
	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study/Choir Practice	Thursday	6 p.m.
Ministerial Staff Training	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Men's Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday	7 p.m.

Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Friday		3 - 6 p.m.
Korean		
OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.
Choir practice	Friday	6:30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship	3rd, 4th Saturdays	
		8:30 a.m.
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Women's Choir	5th Saturdays	11 a.m.
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Sunday	
		9 a.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday	12:15 a.m.	Main Post, room 24
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

1st & 3rd Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post,
		Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Youth Ministries

Middle school	
Sunday 4 - 5 p.m.	Main Post
High school	
Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Post

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Hazardous recall - HP notebook computer batteries

Scout Reports

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Hewlett-Packard of Palo Alto, Calif. is voluntarily recalling approximately 4,100 battery pack units (about 15,700 batteries worldwide). The units were manufactured in China. An internal short can cause the battery cells to overheat and melt or char the plastic case, posing a burn and fire hazard. HP has received 20 reports of batteries overheating, including two in the U.S.

and report of one minor injury. Eleven cases of minor property damage were reported, including one here.

The recalled lithium ion rechargeable batteries are used with various HP and Compaq notebook computers. The recalled batteries are a subset of those manufactured between January 1, 2005 and January 10, 2005 and have a bar code label starting with L3. HP and Compaq Notebook Model series that may contain a recalled battery include: HP Pavilion Family, HP Compaq Fam-

ily, Compaq Presario Family, dv1xxx, ze2xxx, nx48xx, V2xxx, M2xxx.

Army & Air Force Exchange Service stores, national and regional computer and electronic stores, online stores, hp.com and hpshopping.com from January 2005 through December 2005.

Consumers should stop using the "L3" coded batteries immediately. They should contact HP to determine if the specific battery is one of the ones being recalled and if it is, receive a free

replacement battery.

After removing the recalled battery for their notebook computer, consumers should plug in the AC adapter to power the notebook until a replacement battery arrives.

For more information about the hazard, visit the HP Battery Replacement program Web site at www.hp.com/support/BatteryReplacement. Contact HP at (888) 202-4320 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. and a representative will help you.

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Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander, presented IMA-level awards and commanders' coins to the winners at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office Monday.

Thom Williams receives a plaque from Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander for taking first place in the Southwest Region 2005 Keith L. Ware Competition, Sports Category, for his article, "Post Soldier excels at Ironman World Championship."

Photo by Joan Vasey



Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation, at 1:30 p.m., May 15; and 6 p.m., May 23, at the ACS Building 50010, for Soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

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B Troop says farewell to a big-hearted friend

By Christopher Zimmerman

B Troop

Over the past 30 years, B Troop has buried many four-legged comrades in the Troop's pasture area. On April 15, the troopers lined up on the hot and dusty ground to pay final respects to Shorty, an old equine friend, who'd passed away the previous weekend.

After people received news of his death, messages from all over the world arrived. Former troopers from around the country and as far away as Afghanistan and North Africa sent condolences and remembrances. The most common comment was that although Shorty was small in stature he had a heart bigger than he was.

"Shorty was the kind of horse that would give everything he had and more to his trooper," said Trooper Christopher Zimmerman. "He knew the cavalry riding demonstration by heart and could make the most inexperienced rider look good. He was also a favorite of the Ladies Auxiliary members who would

pamper him and spoil him every chance they got."

Shorty's memorial ceremony was well attended.

As the troopers lined up next to Shorty's grave, a group of spectators gathered to observe. The Troop horses, curious about the activity, joined the group as if they, too, wanted to pay final respects. While the unit guideon snapped in the breeze, Rod Preuss, Troop captain, provided a eulogy recounting Shorty's long Army service. Afterwards, troopers fired three carbine volleys and rendered a final salute as Platoon Sergeant Pete Criscuolo played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

"Shorty was a cavalry horse to the end and earned his fabled place on Fiddler's Green where he will wait to someday greet old comrades once again in shady pastures," Zimmerman said.



Photo by Mary Villarreal

From left, Trooper Chris Zimmerman, Capt. Rod Preuss, Troopers Pat Harrington, and Brian Phillips, Sgt. Scott Hector, Trooper J. Hizer, 1st Sgt. Villarreal, Sgt. Pete Criscuolo, and Big Whiskey honor their deceased mount, Shorty, during a ceremony April 15.

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Safety



Fort Huachuca biologist Sheridan Stone digs his hand into a stream to observe the stream's health, and to examine the surrounding insect life.

Photo by Michael Collins



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Learn summer safety

Scout Reports

Not everyone at Fort Huachuca is originally from the desert. For some, the coming months will be their first experience of summer in the desert heat. Regardless of a person's roots, however, summer can bring many health concerns and challenges. There are a number of precautions to keep in mind while participating in various summertime outdoor activities.

Heat injuries are a big part of summer safety in Southeastern Arizona. Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration and prevent heat injuries before they become serious.

According to Fort Huachuca's Chief of Environmental Health 1st Lt. Matthew Ried, some of the most common summer illnesses are food-borne illnesses. People will be barbecuing and picnicking, leaving many Potentially Hazardous Foods at improper temperatures, temperatures favorable to bacterial growth.

PHFs are foods that grow bacteria well due to their pH level, moisture content, and protein content. They include animal meats such as beef, poultry, pork, or fish and can also include little-known PHFs such as raw eggs, mayonnaise and mayonnaise containing products, raw seed sprouts, cut melons, and certain garlic and oil mixtures.

Bacteria grow best within temperatures known as the "temperature danger zone", from 41 to 139 degrees Fahrenheit. Food left in this temperature range can begin to grow bacteria more rapidly, and when kept there for four or more hours, can make anyone who eats it very ill.

To prevent food-borne illnesses, wash hands, food preparation surfaces and utensils often, and store food in temperatures outside the temperature danger zone. That

is, "keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot."

Prevent cross contamination during preparation by separating uncooked and non-cooked foods and their utensils - such as raw chicken and salads. Prepare raw meats in separate areas and thoroughly cook meats to their proper internal temperatures.

Another illness to be aware that's made a home in Arizona is West Nile virus, which is transmitted by female mosquitoes. Many people who become infected by the virus don't know they have it. However, some people may develop a severe form of the disease, such as encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. Symptoms include high fever, headache, confusion, disorientation, muscle weakness and coma. People above the age of 50, or below the age of 6 are at a higher risk of becoming ill from West Nile virus.

Since the virus is carried by mosquitoes, avoid being bitten while outdoors. Use bug spray, wear long-sleeved shirts, and avoid the outdoors in the morning and evening when mosquitoes are most active. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water, so make sure there is no standing water around the home.

West Nile virus is often deadly to infected birds as well, so dead birds can be a sign that the virus may be in the area. Those who see dead birds should not pick them up! Report them to the local health department as soon as possible. The first 24 hours are critical if dead animals need to be tested. If off post, dial 803-3900 - if on post, call the Veterinary Clinic at 533-3204.

Some insects and reptiles to avoid here include spiders, snakes and scorpions. There are twelve venomous species of snakes in Arizona; eleven of which are rattlesnakes. The most common are the Western Diamondback, Mohave and Sidewinder. There are also 43 species of scorpions in Arizona, but only one, the bark scorpion, or flat-tail scorpion,

is considered potentially deadly. This scorpion is recognizable because it is the only one that will curl its tail flat next to its body instead of over its back when preparing to sting.

Symptoms from a scorpion sting include difficulty breathing or swallowing, a swollen tongue or slurred speech, and possible pain in the chest. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.

Spiders to watch out for include the black widow, and the Arizona brown spider. Black widow spiders are all black with a red or orange hourglass shape on their abdomen. They can be found around homes, in outdoor furniture, barbecue grills, garages and wood piles.

Symptoms of a black widow bite can include itching, and are similar to those of a scorpion sting. Although fatalities from a spider bite are rare, if symptoms seem severe, seek medical attention immediately.

The Arizona brown spider is a close relative of the brown recluse or fiddleback spider. It can range in size from a nickel to a quarter including its legs. It will have a dark brown fiddle shape on its back. The Arizona brown spider lives in dark, secluded areas in garages, storage areas, and around homes. This spider has a necrotic poison and its bite causes tissue near the bite site to die and become infected. Symptoms from this bite can develop slowly over a few days but can become severe. If bitten, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Enjoy the Arizona summer and have fun, but remember to stay safe. Emergency numbers to keep on hand are: 911; the Samaritan Regional Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222; Sierra Vista Regional Health Center: 458-4641; and Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center: 533-9200. For more information about summer safety, call Environmental Health at 533-3536 or 533-3959.



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With caution, living with fort's wildlife can be enjoyable

Scout Reports

The Environmental and Natural Resources Division receives calls daily from Soldiers, civilians, and family members asking for help concerning wildlife coming into contact with them at home and at work.

For the past few years, winter rains have not materialized in abundant quantities, and therefore water and food sources for wildlife in the Huachuca Mountains and grasslands have been reduced, severely so for some animals.

As a result, people can expect to see increased wildlife and human encounters within the installation and specifically the Bonnie Blink and Grierson Road areas due to their close proximity to the wooded canyons and mountains. Wildlife is not "out there," but is here with us in the places where people work, live and play.

In nature, animals often have a tough time finding sources of food and water and are constantly competing with each other for what nature provides. This is particularly true in arid climates such as the American southwest.

When people come along and build communities in wildlife habitat, we often provide these animals with easy and predictable sources of food and water. This is not normal in the natural environment and is counter to the forces that have shaped the behavior of these animals. Human presence is at least partially a solution for some animals, which, in turn, may become the problem for some people and neighborhoods.

"Critters learn really quickly if there are good, reliable sources of food, water or shelter within their home range," according to Sheridan Stone, a wildlife

biologist in the ENRD on Post. "And they can adjust their behavior to go to those spots more often and to stay longer. Depending on the animal, this may not be desirable for long to people in that locale, and particularly not for every resident on the block or every worker in the building."

Don't leave open sources of food and water out in the yard or around the workplace. Those who have pets should bring their water and food dish indoors at night. Clean up spilled food and pet droppings to avoid making home and yard attractive or interesting to wildlife. Also, empty or take inside bird feeders at night, as this is a good source for attracting bats and other animals.

Those who like to landscape their yards should ask the salesperson at the local garden shop about plants that will not be attractive to wildlife as a source of food. Some digging and browsing animals may greatly appreciate a big investment of money, time and effort to establish certain lawn and garden plants, but homeowners may not appreciate their attention. "Remember, wildlife already share the same space with us; they won't need much tempting to take advantage of whatever offer you provide," Stone adds.

Above all, don't leave trash out overnight. Instead, place it out on the street only on the morning of pick-up. These steps may not eliminate the problem in one day but once the animals find out that the "free meal program" is over, they will likely go

elsewhere.

Elsewhere may just be to visit the next door neighbor, so these cautions should be practiced by the whole neighborhood to avoid unwanted surprises and safety risk to pets, family safety and personal belongings. "Explain this to newcomers in your area," says Stone. "You may be helping them to help you keep your block safer

for children, pets and your personal property."

When hiking, running or mountain biking in the canyons and mountains, always stay in groups and keep children and pets in sight. Bears and mountain lions make their home in the Huachuca Moun-

tains and will defend what is important to them or attack under certain circumstances. Javelina, coati, coyote and skunks don't get along well with pets, especially the attention of a free running dog enjoying a chase.

According to Stone, "For a simple rule or level of awareness, adults should exercise the same kind of watchfulness over children as they would in a big city mall. This supervision should extend to pets that depend on them, too."

Key danger signals to watch for in mountain lions is activity in broad daylight and showing no fear of human beings. Crouching, creeping, intense staring or other predatory behaviors are particularly significant and indicate an attack may be imminent. According to the experts, if you or a companion is the focus of attention of a large predator, try to appear as large and confident as possible. Make sure the

animal knows that you know it is there. Pick up children or clutch them close, and rein in pets. If attacked, fight back with whatever means available. Do not run or crouch. Aggressive behavior on your part may deter an attack. Make menacing noises and try to stay above the lion. Above all, don't turn and run. Stay standing and face the attacking animal.

Bears are ALWAYS looking for food. Avoid contact with them. Make your presence known by making a lot of noise when hiking or suspect you hear a bear around your home. Never approach a cub and always keep dogs leashed. If a bear is on the trail, get off and give it room to escape. Never run or make any sudden movements in the presence of a bear. Bears do not like surprises and responses are unpredictable. If you surprise a black bear and it charges, you may choose to "play dead," but if it attacks, fight back.

If an animal of concern does enter your home or comes in close proximity, call the post ENRD at (538-0492, 533-1867 or 533-7083) or the Military Police Desk (533-3000). Do not attempt to approach the animal if you have any concern for your safety.

One of the greatest benefits of being assigned to Fort Huachuca is the opportunity to experience the great diversity of wildlife. Children have the benefit of learning about wildlife not just in books or television, but in their own front yards. Expect to see wildlife almost anywhere on Post, and be ready with a camera, binoculars or an excited whisper to family or friends to, "Come look!" The anticipation and awareness can provide a great deal of joy, along with a margin of safety, a sense of wonder and of self confidence



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Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of the Global War On Terrorism

Four soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died of injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq on Saturday, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV causing a fire. This occurred during combat operations. All four soldiers were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 67th Armored Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

Sgt. Kyle A. Colnot, 23, of Arcadia, Calif.

Spc. Eric D. King, 29, of Vancouver, Wash.

Pfc. Jacob H. Allcott, 21, of Caldwell, Idaho

Pvt. Michael E. Bouthot, 19, of Fall River, Mass

Pvt. Travis C. Zimmerman, 19, of New Berl-

inville, Pa., died in Baghdad, Iraq on Saturday, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his observation post during dismounted combat reconnaissance operations. Zimmerman was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Cpl. Eric R. Lueken, 23, of Dubois, Ind., died Saturday while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Capt. Clayton L. Adamkavicius, 43, of Fairdale, Ky., died of injuries sustained in Abu Ghurayb, Afghanistan, on Friday, when he came under enemy small arms fire during combat operations. Adamkavicius was assigned to the Army National Guard's 149th Brigade, 35th Infantry Division, Louisville, Ky.

Staff Sgt. Jason C. Ramseyer, 28, of Lenoir, N.C., died April 20 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Pfc. Patrick A. Tinnell, 25, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., died in As Siniyah, Iraq, on April 19, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated during a dismounted combat patrol. Tinnell was assigned to the

1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Robert J. Settle, 25, of Owensboro, Ky., died in Taji, Iraq, on April 19, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Settle was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Mark W. Melcher, 34, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died in Al Taqaddum, Iraq on April 15, when his M1A1 Abrams tank came under enemy small-arms fire during combat operations. Melcher was assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 103rd Armor, Friedens, Pa.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Marcques J. Nettles, 22, of Beaverton, Ore., died April 2, when the truck he was riding in rolled over in a flash flood near Al Asad, Iraq. Nettles was previously listed as Duty Status - Whereabouts Unknown. His body was recovered April 16. He was assigned to 1st Combat Logistics Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Chalk Talk

Col. Johnston School

On Friday Yolanda Collins' class celebrated Earth Day by picking up trash on the playground then sorted the trash into recycling bins. This activity is one of many that the class completed during Earth Day. They wrote endangered animal reports, planted flowers, and will become Junior Forest Rangers at a field trip to Patagonia Lake.

The first-grade students have been studying eggs and animals that hatch from eggs. They learned that there are many kinds and sizes of eggs and that all animals including some mammals lays eggs. Art activities included scratch art eggs and chalk eggs. The first-graders are now learning about the earth-the big blue marble-and their responsibility in caring for the Earth. Earth Day activities included posters, recycling activities, water activities and painting.

Do you know what a GLYPH is? Mrs. Lathrop's third graders do! The word glyph comes from Hei-roglyphics (picture writing). The details of a glyph describe information about the person who created it. Each specific detail of a glyph provides the person viewing it with information. A legend allows students to see each feature of the glyph and what it represents.

Third graders in Mrs. Lathrop's class have been creating glyphs all year. Most recently, the students

made spring glyphs featuring bunnies and birds in a nest. These glyphs gave information about each student such as what season they were born in, whether or not they had lost any teeth, favorite spring activities, and if they ever seen a bird eating. GLYPHS ARE FUN !!

Gen. Myer School

Kathy Bergman's class worked hard each day to prepare for their AIMS testing which happened this week. The students are doing a very good job practicing the Arizona Articulated Standards for Reading, Math, and Writing.

The class is also looking forward to their field trip tomorrow to the Coronado National Memorial. The students will participate in hands-on learning activities that focus on the history of Coronado and his group of explorers who traveled through this region, as well as the early Zuni Indians who lived here at that time.

The class would like to thank all parent volunteers who helped out with the Myer School Carnival and the Science Exhibition Projects. The class could not be as successful with all the endeavors here at Myer School and in Room 207 without wonderful parents!

Myer School has completed the 31th week of the Magellan Running Club, with four running days. Each student receives one point for completing each 440-yard lap run. This week, all top runners completed with 42 points. The top fifth-grade girls were Hazel Grubbs, Erikka King, Tiara Huddleston, and

Briana McCloskey. Jaykwan French and Davy'aun Thomas scored as the top fifth-grade boys. The overall top fifth-grade class that completed with 326 points was Celina Mickle's class. For fourth-grade news, the top fourth-grade girl was Sarah Baier. The top fourth-grade boys were Miles Ritchey, Andrew Camps, Carlos Acosta, and Ben Morris. Janet Josa's class scored as the top fourth-grade classroom with a total of 379 points. All the students in the running club totaled 446 miles for this week.

Army public affairs program seeks interns

The U.S. Army is receiving resumes from interested candidates for its public affairs intern program through May 19. Those interested can learn more about this civilian career opportunity by viewing www.army.mil/internship. Annual salaries begin in the mid-30s and Army civilians can advance to six-figure salaries and attain senior service levels commensurate with flag officers. The program includes travel, high quality and realistic training, and a broad variety of work assignments. Candidates should send a copy of their resume and undergraduate transcript either by e-mail to donovjf@hqda.army.mil or by fax to 703-697-2792.

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TMAC will offer Mother's Day Buffet

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will present the Mother's Day Grand Buffet, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 14. Customers are invited to treat Mom and the entire family to this delightful and delectable brunch.

Just a few of the items on the menu will include: made-to-order omelets, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage, mahi mahi with lemon butter sauce, chicken rosemary, eggplant parmesan,

TMAC baked salmon, peel-n-eat shrimp, succulent steamship round, savory pork loin, vegetables, fresh breads and rolls, assorted deserts, and a complimentary glass of champagne or mimosa.

Cost is \$21 for adults; \$10.50 for children 5 - 11; and children 4 and under dine free. These prices include gratuity.

For reservations or more information about the buffet, call 533-3802.

Photo courtesy of MWR



Right Arm Night set for tomorrow

The next CG's Right Arm Night will start at 4 p.m., tomorrow at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Finger foods and pay-as-you-go beverages will be available.

For more information, call 533-3802.

70s Dance at Jeannie's Diner

Jeannie's Diner will hold a "70s Dance" 5 to 9 p.m., May 6. There will be food specials from 5 to 6 p.m. and a dance contest, with prizes given away, from 6 to 7 p.m. Patrons are urged to come dressed in 70s garb. Those who do will receive a free 16 oz. soda. Door prizes will be given away.

Jeannie's will also offer the following Mother's Day special from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., May 14: Moms may purchase breakfast for half price.

Located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center, Jeannie's Diner is open seven days a week. For take-out orders or more information, call 533-5759.

Cinco de Mayo party at Time Out

Time Out has planned a special Cinco de Mayo party from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., May 6. There will be free munchies, Latin music and dance lessons. Beverages will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Admission to the Cinco de Mayo party is free.

Time Out is located on Arizona Street, across from Barnes Field House.

For more information, call 533-3837.

Buffalo Corral plans Mother's Day Ride May 14

Buffalo Corral will offer a special trail ride for Mother's Day, 10 a.m. - noon, May 14.

Moms will be able to ride for half price. The regular cost of the ride is \$15 per person.

Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business the day before the ride.

For more information, call 533-5220.

Mom's Day Sale, golf clinic at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course Pro Shop will hold a "Mom's Day Sale," May 13 and 14. All ladies apparel and golf clubs will be marked down 10 percent those two days.

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a free golf clinic for beginners from 10 to 11 a.m., May 20.

The clinic will teach the basic fundamentals of the swing and the game of golf. An orientation explaining how to use the facility and what programs are available will also be covered.

Participants should wear tennis shoes and loose fitting clothing. Balls and the use of clubs will be provided at no charge.

MVGC is located at Building 15479 and is accessible to everyone from Wilcox Avenue, off Buffalo Soldier Trail.

For more information or to make a tee time, call 533-7088.

Sign up for summer riding camps

Child and Youth Services, SKIESUnlimited and Buffalo Corral are partnering to bring "Children's Summer Riding Camps," to youth ages 7 - 17.

The riding camps will be held on a weekly basis July 10 - Aug. 4. Camps will be offered 8 a.m. - noon, Monday - Friday at Buffalo Corral. Cost is \$100 per week. Youth may participate for more than one week.

As a special "introductory offer" for the MWR partnership, the CYS registration fee will be waived for this camp.

Registration for the riding camps start May 15 at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. To register, call 533-0738.

For more information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-8347 or Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

Youth program seeks instructors

Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited program is looking for experienced instructors to teach classes to youth in the following areas: dance, piano, gymnastics and foreign languages.

For more information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-8347.

Registration for swim lessons starts soon

Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited and Fort Huachuca Pools are partnering with the American Red Cross to bring three sessions of "Learn to Swim" to youth this summer.

Each session will cost \$30 per child and will consist of eight total classes. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday at the following levels: Tiny Tots, ages 6 months to 3 years; Pre-School, ages 3-5; and seven different skill levels for school age children.

Each student will receive a skills booklet for the appropriate level and a certificate of completion.

Session I will be held June 6-16 and registration will begin May 16.

Session II will be held June 20-30 and registration will begin May 30.

Session III will be held July 11-21 and registration will begin June 13.

Swim lessons will be held at both Barnes and Irwin Pools. Location will depend on class size.

Registration for swim lessons will be held at Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. Participants must be CYS members.

For more information, call 533-0738.

Youth karate class has openings

The Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited's karate class is held Mondays and Wednesdays at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. Students may attend on a monthly basis. Class fee is \$25 per month.

Families with three or more children attending pay a flat fee of \$70 per month.

The class is split into three groups. Little Dragons, for ages 4 - 7, is held from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.; Beginners, for ages 8 and up, is held from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.; and Advanced, for ages 8 and up, is held from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

The class is open to youth ages 4 - 18, whose parents are active duty or retired military, Department of the Army civilians, Non-appropriated Fund employees or contractor employees. Participants must also be members of Child and Youth Services.

To register, call 533-0738 or visit the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. There is an annual \$18 registration fee for CYS membership.

Parents can also participate in the class, for an additional \$25 monthly fee.



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The Scout TimeOut

Sarah Davis voted MI Idol

Scout Reports
Photos by Joan Vasey

Pfc. Sarah Davis, Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion is the Military Intelligence Idol.

That's what the scores revealed. During the final showdown round, she scored a perfect 30.

The chapel staff hosted the MI Idol competition during their Oasis Café Friday night for Soldiers and families under a white canopy across from Eiffler Physical Fitness Center.

Twenty eight people competed, and all came away winners. Those with the courage to face Simon (Dave Robeson, United Kingdom), Paula Abdul (Jaymi Torres) and Randy Jackson (Staff Sgt. Paul Townsend)

deserved prizes, joked Chaplain (Maj.) McFarland, Master of Ceremonies.

Prizes included T-shirts, coffee mugs, MI windbreakers, CD players and more. Everyone won something and came away winners.

Miss Sierra Vista, Brandy Milloy, welcomed the audience to the special event. As part of the quintet that later sang "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head," she shared in receipt of "Simon's" caustic criticism.

"That was the worst job of yelling out "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" that I've ever heard. You get a one."

The quintet ended up with a seven, the evening's lowest score. Members included Col. Thomas Kel-

ley, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, Spc. Areem Parker, Brandi Milloy, Chaplain (Maj.) Frank O'Grady, and Chaplain (Col.) Kinder.

Soldiers and guests were feted with enormous baked potatoes loaded with toppings, sloppy Joes, about 20 kinds of assorted baked goods, bagged snacks, soda, gourmet coffee and popcorn, all provided by chapel groups and supporters. Some Soldiers just in from a field exercise came by for a hot meal.

"It's a lot of work, but I really enjoy it," said Sara McFarland as she unwrapped trays of cookies.

"The Oasis Café is sponsored by the chapel community. Our average is 200, but we have had as many as 400 people attend."

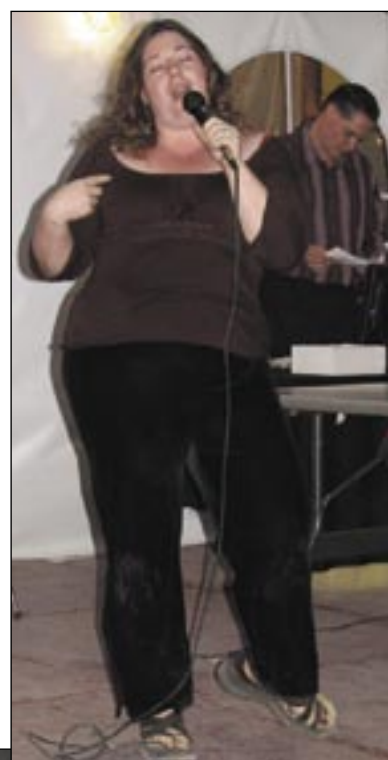


(Above) Pvt. Melinda Kahler and Pfc. Elizabeth Albright of Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion enjoy the music while Brandy Milloy, Miss Sierra Vista, claps for the singer.



(Left) Pfc. Sarah Davis is the MI Idol for Fort Huachuca.

(Right) Although she performed a dynamic rendition of Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman," use of mild swear words during the song cost Danielle Thomas many points during this chapel-sponsored event. As she sings, Jonathan Keat, DJ Tech FX, prepares for the next performer.



(Left) Twee Tomko and Maisin Hinton prepare food for Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Reynolds at Friday's Oasis Café.

(Right) Simon (Dave Robeson, United Kingdom, left), Paula Abdul (Jaymi Torres) and Randy Jackson (Staff Sgt. Paul Townsend) rate singers after their performances.



Ask The Dietitian — Reading nutrition labels

By Capt. Jennifer Rodriguez
Registered Dietitian

Nutrition Facts labels are included on most packaged foods. These are vital tools to determine what nutrients, vitamins and minerals you are consuming. Reading food labels can make a difference in the foods you choose and help you follow your healthy eating plan.

The most important parts of a food label are the serving size and servings per container. These are important as all the nutrients listed are for that serving size. If the serving size was one-half cup and you had one cup, you would need to

double all the numbers.

The basis for a healthy eating plan is to watch your calories. Fat has nine calories per gram compared to carbohydrates and proteins which have four calories per gram. So, if you follow a low-fat diet you are more likely to consume fewer calories. On labels be sure to look at the "Total Fat" row. Foods considered low fat have three grams of fat or less per serving or three grams of fat or less for every 100 calories. In addition, some labels will list saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated fats as well. Your goal is to choose

lower saturated fats as these contribute to "clogging" of the arteries and heart disease.

The next line on a food label is "Cholesterol." The American Heart Association recommends no more than 300mg a day. Most foods low in fat will also be low in cholesterol.

"Sodium" better known as salt is located below the cholesterol line. Foods low in sodium will have 140mg or less per serving. Since most foods that are packaged or canned will have added salt, you will find it hard to locate items with low sodium content. Be

sure to look for "no salt added" or "low sodium" food choices. Limit your intake of sodium to 2400mg or less each day.

Last but not least, be sure to look for foods with at least two grams of fiber per serving. Fiber not only helps you stay regular it also lowers cholesterol, helps you stay fuller longer and even prevents certain types of cancer. Aim for a minimum of 25 grams of fiber each day.

Read you labels whenever you pick up a food item. Make an informed decision on which foods you choose and your body will thank

you for it! For more information on food labels, go to www.eatingright.org.

Capt. Rodriguez is a Registered Dietitian at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca. Send questions to jennifer.rodriguez1@us.army.mil.

Dietician announces winners

The winners for the Step Up to Nutrition & Health National Nutrition Month 2006 Quiz are:

Nancy Leach – winner of a National Nutrition Month lunch container

Patty Holley – winner of a National Nutrition Month t-shirt

Kathy Archer – winner of a National Nutrition Month water bottle

Widowed Support Center is there to help

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The Widowed Support Center, located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail outside

the Main Gate, is open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesday is craft day at the WSC with crafts sessions held during nor-

mal business hours.

The WSC is staffed by volunteers who provide support to the widowed and to their families. Volunteers

answer questions, provide directions, serve coffee or tea, or are available to just talk.

WSC members meet at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

For information about services or volunteering, call 533-3807.

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



*Countdown:
Sierra Vista turns 50
in 4 weeks*

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Mergue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", April 26, 1956

Blaze Sweeps Miller Canyon

Led by four companies of the 73rd Signal Battalion, civilian volunteer and Forest Service firefighters fought and controlled a stubborn 200-acre brush and scrub timber fire last weekend in craggy Miller Canyon and Miller Peak area.

Sheriff's deputy Bud Moson said the fire was started about noon Sunday by "careless picnickers". The blaze probably started in the picnic ground at the base of Miller Peak, but by the time help was summoned the flames had swept to within a few feet of the 9000-foot pinnacle.

Columnist Gives Alarm

After the first fire alert was given by Major Healy (Author of the SCOUT column, Old Fort Huachuca Days) men from the Post fire companies in the 73rd Battalion were conveyed to the scene of the blaze about 15 miles from Fort Huachuca.

Battling nearly inaccessible terrain and acrid smoke, men from the 73rd cleared fire breaks from the bottom of Miller Canyon to the top of the peak, and by nightfall had the fire surrounded and under virtual control.

Under Control

Under the rotating plan set up by 73rd Headquarters, the "first shift" of firefighters was relieved Sunday evening. The night fire crews from the 73rd continued battling the blaze and had the fire under complete control

late Sunday night. They continued mopping up action throughout the night and all day Monday.

Post firefighters were aided by communication vans that maintained constant contact with the Fort and expedited the flow of additional men and supplies to the fire area. Men on the mountain kept in contact with the temporary headquarters at the foot of the mountain by AN/PRC-6's (handy-talkie).

Technical Aid

Five men from the post fire department were on hand to lend technical aid and advice to men fighting the fire.

Lt. Colonel J. R. McCoch, Post Fire Marshall, said that the number of men from the 73rd Battalion combating the blaze averaged 115 men at all times. First crews to the fire were under the Direction of the Post Fire Marshall's Office, but later crews were directed by Chief Ranger Reginald Reynolds.

"The men of the 73rd Signal Battalion did an excellent job in fighting the fire under the most fatiguing conditions," Col. McCoch said.

Post Fire Chief Abram Ruiz said that "military personnel did a wonderful job fighting the fire and they should be highly commended for their action."

The following companies fought the fire: 514th Signal Company 125 men commanded by 1st Lt. John T. Steele; 208th Sig. Co. 100 men commanded by 2nd Lt. James Haenel; 581st Sig. Co. 89 men commanded by 1st. Lt. Murray Gibson; and the 293rd Sig. Co. 60

Sierra Vista, Fort celebrates Earth Day

Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca personnel celebrated Earth Day Saturday with a number of activities designed to reduce, reuse, recycle or just have fun!

The Fort Huachuca post-wide yard sale kicked off events at 7 a.m. Cars snaked in and out of side streets as bargain hunters raced to sales in search of deals on furniture, household goods, children's items, sports equipment and more. In spite of breezy conditions and warm weather, shoppers loaded their vehicles and sellers clenched fistfuls of dollars.

One seller with only two items left shut down around 1 p.m.

"This is all we have left. It's getting too hot to be out here anyway," she said.

Alison Barrett of Water Wise and Energy Smart had a booth at the Sierra Vista Farmer's Market. In addition to distributing a variety of informative pamphlets and demonstrations of a ground-flow water model, she shared tips for wise water use. She gave attendees Wettie the Water Drop car antenna toppers.

"These are very popular," she said. "I'm always very happy when I see someone driving around town with one because it shows the [water conservation] word is getting out."

Pat Dillingham, a management analyst with the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command staffed a booth for the volunteer

"Friends of the Huachuca Mountains." During her shift at the Farmer's Market, she gave out information about the group's upcoming educational programs. From nearby vendors, she purchased gourds and learned about worm tea, a worm by-product used as both a fertilizer and ant repellent.

"I had a lot of fun. I got to talk to a lot of people. It was like old home week. I ran into a lot of people I know."

During the West-End Block Party, soon-to-be-drill-sergeant Deanne Dunn-Smith, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion exposed her softer side as a children's face painter. Using theatrical makeup and during a time-consuming process, Dunn-Smith transformed six-year-old Livia Gurtler into a tiger.

"I really enjoy doing this. It mixes my love of painting and love of children," Dunn-Smith said.

The West End Block Party was one of many events organized in celebration of the City of Sierra Vista's 50th Anniversary which will be held May 26-28. It was just a coincidence that the event fell on Earth Day. However, the city and Cochise County sponsored a number of recycling events, to include recyclable material collection points, computer and other hardware disposal, hazardous material disposal, free dump day at the landfill, and hazardous material collection.

Tina Besmer (left) and Carol Payton haggle with Dawn Miller (right) during Saturday's post-wide yard sale.



Photo by Joan Vasey

Alison Barrett of the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program shares water conservation tips with Phillip Orth Saturday at the Farmer's Market and Earth Day celebration.



Photo by Joan Vasey



Photo by Scott Vasey



Photo by Joan Vasey

(Above) At the Farmer's Market, Rosemary Snapp (left) and Pat Dillingham, NETCOM, hand out information about free educational programs the volunteer Friends of the Huachuca Mountains host for the public every other Sunday.

(Left) Deanna Dunn-Smith uses paint to transform Livia Gurtler, 6 into a tiger at the West End block party.

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Commissary sponsors supermarket sweep for Single Soldiers

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers and the Fort Huachuca Commissary are sponsoring a supermarket sweep May 11 at 7:30 a.m. at the post commissary. Single Soldiers enrolled in BOSS will be treated to a free breakfast provided by commissary vendors, a tour of the facility and drawing for a chance to win \$500 in groceries in a vendor sponsored Supermarket sweep. For more information, call the Commissary at 533-5540.

Fort Huachuca PX hosts Spring Pet Show

The Fort Huachuca Post Exchange will host a Spring Pet Show Saturday May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX parking lot. Pet owners can register their pet now until May 6, at the PX identification desk or at the manager's office near the Armed Forces Bank.

There will be prizes awarded in nine different categories: Best cat, canine over 100 lbs, most unusual pet, canine 51-99 lbs, pet and owner look-a-like, canine 25-50 lbs, canine under 25 lbs, canine puppies under one year old and best pet trick.

Pet owners and handlers must maintain control of animals at all times. Every animal can register for two categories. Puppies are considered any canine one year or under. They are excluded from weight categories. Pet owners and handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.

Huachuca Art Association hosts "Spring Fling" art show

The Huachuca Art Association will host its annual open judged art show, "Spring Fling," from noon to 4 p.m. May 5-7. Artwork will be on display at the Association Gallery and Studio, 3818 Astro Street, Hereford, about four miles south of Hwy 92 off the Buffalo Soldier Trail. Artists are encouraged to submit their original art work for the exhibition. All artwork is for sale. For more information, call Rosario Wilke at 803-8981.

Free puppetry workshop

The Army Community Service "Kids on the Block" program will offer a free puppetry workshop 10 - 11:30 a.m., and again, 1 - 2:30 p.m., May 8.

The class teaches a Japanese form of Banraku Puppet Theater. Students can use the knowledge they gain to put on puppet shows for their children, or they can volunteer for the KOTB program. KOTB is an educational puppet troupe that puts on puppet shows for area children on a variety of social issues and safety topics.

For more information, call Mary Lamphere at 533-3883 or ACS at 533-2330.

International Migratory Bird Day planned

The Friends of the San Pedro River, Bureau of Land Management, the Sonoran Joint Venture and others will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 at the San Pedro House. At 3 p.m. the group will honor Congressman Jim Kolbe for his efforts to conserve the San Pedro River. The San Pedro House is located just off State Route 90, 8 mile east of Sierra Vista.

For more information visit www.sonoranjv.org.

Smooth Move for Kids

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 1 p.m., May 4 and 10 a.m., May 16 at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

After school tennis lessons

The Sierra Vista Department of Parks and Leisure will host youth lessons Monday through May 24. Start time for beginners is 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., for intermediate learners from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., held at Kings Court Tennis Club, 3514 Kings Court Drive, Sierra Vista. Registration is at the Cove Aquatic Center at 2900 Martin Luther King

Jr. Parkway Reservations are being accepted. Cost is \$50 per child.

For more information, e-mail jking@ci.sierra-vista.az.us or call (520) 417-4800.

B Troop Seeks Volunteers

Fort Huachuca's famous mounted ceremonial unit is starting the next Cavalry Riding School on 4 May. Eligibility requirements may be found at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/default.asp> or contact Christopher Zimmerman, 538-2178, for information.

CPCA sponsors Children's Activity Festival

A Children's Activity Festival will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Oscar Yurn Community Center. Join the Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse as they host free activities including a play, a petting zoo, "Moonbounce", shares information on family services, support groups and referral information. Visit displays by local enforcement & safety agencies.

Diner hosts Spring Car Show

On Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy looking at customized vehicles and talking with the owners at the Diner, 3500 Canyon de Flores, Sierra Vista. This year's show will honor vehicles manufactured in 1956, the same year the city was incorporated. For more information, contact Mike Calabrese at 803-0457.

Sierra Vista American Youth Football and registration underway

Sierra Vista American Youth Football 2006 season registration for youth 5-14 takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and May 6, 13 and 20 at Big 5 Sporting Goods, Highway 92 and Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

For more information call 458-2320 or e-mail svyouthfootball@cox.net. Or, visit the Web site at SVAYFC.COM.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Aquamarine

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Friday

Failure To Launch

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

V - For Vendetta

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Sunday -2 p.m.

She's The Man

PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



Pets Of The Week



Maya is an approximately one year old female shorthair gray tabby. Bella is a feisty 9-10 week old blue point siamese mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forhuachuca.petfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

4-H Skill-A-Thon

By Esau Lolis

Scout Staff

School Age Services held a 4-H Skill-A-Thon April 14 as part of the Month of the Military Child.

"A Skill-A-Thon is a method

of involving 4-Hers and their parents in non-competitive, learn-by-doing activities," said SAS Director, Jenifer Lotten. "4-Hers develop both personal and project skills through a series of mini-learning stations," she said.



Photo by Esau Lolis

From left, Jianna Legaspi, Jessica Nash, Roberta McCarty, Cayla Bell watch Norma Trejo, SAS staff, as she holds up a completed piñata at the arts and craft station of the 4-H Skill-A-Thon.

The participants rotated from station to station attempting to perform the tasks they were given.

"The atmosphere was that of a Fair!" Lotten exclaimed.

"The Skill-A-Thon involved the SAS 4-H Clubs Exploring Your Environment, Theater Arts, Music Awareness, Photography, Chess, Healthy Lifestyles, Needleworks and Crafts, Conversational Spanish, Spanish Culture and Technology," she continued.

"Each club also had hands-on activities relating to their club such as recycling, chess games, making maracas, playing music makers, crocheting, taking candid shots with cameras, karaoke and sing-along," she said.

As children, parents, and staff rotated through each of the stations, 4-Hers facilitated the activities.

"I am having a lot of fun," chuckled 8-year-old Nycholas Cole waving a maraca he just made at an art station.

"In addition to the 4-H Club

activities, Water Wise had a station available to experience how many water drops fit on a penny, and how to read water gauges," Lotten said.

Alison Barrett, instructional specialist with the Fort Huachuca Water Wise Energy Smart Program staffed the station.

She taught children how to read a gauge that determines the amount of water a leaky faucet can lose each day. Children used water droppers to measure how many drops of water can be dropped on a penny without spilling over.

"Each child will get a leak detector to take home that will equate gallons per day and year wasted," Barrett said. "They hold it under a leak for five seconds and it will measure output."

There was also a map of South Eastern Arizona at the station where kids were asked to locate Fort Huachuca and the San Pedro River. Barrett said that by having kids familiarize themselves with locations on the map,

"It gives us a chance to explain what a watershed is.

"The goal of our program is to educate people about saving water, and leaks are just wastes of water," Barrett continued. "By giving kids the detector, they are able to go home and interact with their parents in determining if there are wasteful leaks or not."

According to Darcy Tessman, 4-H agriculture extension agent, the Skill-A-Thon was a huge success.

"The Skill-A-Thon is a chance for kids to be able to teach other kids and adults the things that have been going on with some kind of hands-on activity," Tessman said.

"What I like about 4-H is that it gives kids opportunities that they don't get other places. We have a lot of great youth organizations in the world. But what I like about 4-H is that they take kids who don't have a lot experience with a lot of things and instruct them to do things they thought that they could never do."

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